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Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 16, 1917. Dear Santa Claus:—

I am a little girl just nine months old, since this is my first Xmas, I won't ask for much. Santa please bring me a shoo-fly rocking horse, a teddy suit, some oranges and any-thing else a wee girl of my age would Don't forget my little cousins Please don't forget my mamma and papa. Mamma Reed candies, oranges, nuts and apples.

and Papa Reed, Mamma Laura and Yours truly, Papa Sam in Springfield and my little playmates, Esther and Caroline | Elizabeth. Bye-bye.

Your little girl, MARGARET PORTER BOND. P. S .- Santa don't forget my cousin Samuella Anderson, she wants Dear Santa Claus:-

Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.

Dear Santa Claus:-

omething nice. Brother Roosevelt teacher, Miss Whitley. I will close. wants an overcoat, Adelia wants a iress, some boots. I will close.

LUCILE HAGERS CARTER.

912 11th Ave., N. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 17, 1917. Dear Santa Claus:-

I am a little girl nine years old in Springhill. I don't know what I want you to bring me a doll, a doll they all want, but Laura Ann wants plane, a stove, a set of dishes and piano, a stove, a set of dishes and a little dining table and a lot of

Yours truly, CALLIE MATTIE MATTHEWS. P. S .- Don't forget to bring me a

> Cumberland Furnace, Tenn. December 15, 1917.

How are you. I am well and smart as ever. I go to school every day. I get good lessons. I help my December 15, 1917. brother to get up wood, water and months old. I am a very good girl you to bring me. I want an air rifle, only like to cry some times, mother a horse, a train, a little dog that can says I am mighty sweet and a smart bark, a suit, a cap to wear with it, baby this is my second Xmas now a steam boat, some fire works and don't forget me, it seems like you some fruits and candies. Now please forgot me last year. I am larger, remember my cousin L. C. and Ler-

Yours lovingly, AGNES ST. CLAIR TURNER, 504 E. Market st., Lebanon, Tenn. Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 17, 1917. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 11 years old. go to school every day. I am in the 4th-A Grade. Mamma and dada say

I am a very smart little girl. I want a sweater, one pair of black hose, one pair of white ones, a cap, a pair of overshoes, a new dress and a pair of kid gloves, fruits, nuts and candies of all kinds. Please don't forget mother and dady. I think mamma would like to have some brown boots and a coat and dress and dady would like to have a new overcoat and a suit. Don't forget my brother 15 years of age. He would like to have an overcoat, a suit and a pair Don't forget my teacher, Miss Price.

Lovingly your little friend. MYRA H. HOGANS.

Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 13, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:
I take much pleasure in writing you to let you know what I want you to bring me. I want you to bring me a coat, a pair of tan English walkers. black kid gleves, tan silk hose, checked plaid dress and checked ribbon. I think I need them because I have been so smart at home and at school. am in the fourth grade. I am 12 years of age. But please don't forgot to bring my birthstone and my bracelet. Well, bye bye, I remain as ever, yours sincerely.
HELEN E. JOHNSON.

Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 11 years old. I'm in the 4th grade. I want you bring me a rain coat a doll, a new sled. My little brother wants a new sleigh, too. I want one that's painted blue and all sorts of candies, nuts and fruits. From CHARLINE RICHMOND.

442 E. Main Street,

Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:
I take great pleasure in writing you this letter to let you know the things I want for Christmas. I want some gloves, tan high top shoes, fireworks, all kind of fruits, overshoes and stockings. And I want all kind of candy. I am very smart in my I am 13 years of age; I am in the 4th grade. Well, I will close. Listen! Don't forget to boil those

Respectfully yours. SALLIE B. RUCKS.

240 Owen street.

Lebanon. Tenn., Dec. 14, 1917. Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know what I want for I want some shoes, dress,

cap, sweater, tablet, pencil, stockings,

handkerchief, school bag, doll and some fruit. Good bye. From IDELLA HARRIS.

Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write and let ou know what I want for Christmas. I want you to help us to get some paint for our school building and to help buy a piano for our school and bring me a rubber doll, a cap. I sey, bring him whatever you think remember our teachers. From

DAISY AMRIE PETTY, Second Year Junior High. Wilson County Training School.

trenches and remember my brother ters, brothers, mother and father. I

Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 12, 1917. Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write and tell you what I want for Christmas. Please bring me some fruit, candy and nuts and anything else you wish. Please Pastor 2nd Baptist Church, remember our school teachers. to the Wilson County Training School. I am second year Junior

High. From MAMIE HARVEY.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me one or two dresses, a pair of stockings, some the 4th grade. I am very smart, gloves, a cape and scarf, a set of am 11 years of age. I want you beauty pins, some handkerchiefs and some ribbon. Good bye. From your friend,

GLADYS RUCKS.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write to you while I was in school. I thought I would write you a sweet little letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. I have been very smart in school and at home, too. I want you to bring me some oranges, bananas, apples, nuts, grapenuts and some chestnuts. That is what I want in fruits. I don't want any toys this Christmas.

126 E. Main Street. Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus: How are you getting along. I am going to school. I am in the fourth grade. I am very smart, I am going to tell you what I want for Christ-mas: a dress, shoes stockings, a hat some fruit and candies. I will thank you for what you bring. I have been a good girl. I think that is about all I want. Good bye.

Yours grateful friend, ISAPELLE JOHNSON, 126 E. Main, Lebanon, Tenn.

Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1917. Dear Santa Claus:

As it is near the time of year for you to visit, I thought I would write a few lines to let you know what I want you to leave me as presents Please bring us some money on our piane and a table for our recitation room and don't forget to bring me a doll and anything else you will bring and don't forget my teachers.

County Training School. Junior High.

Lebanon. Tenn., Dec. 15, 1917. Dear Santa Claus:



Whose congregation celebrated his Twenty-fifth Anniversary during the week beginning December 11th and ending December 17th,

thought I would write you again and why you shouldn't bring me everylet you know what I want you to thing. I am going to have a Christ-bring me. I am a girl 16 years of mas tree at my house Christmas. If age. Mr. Santa, our school is a beau- I knew that you could be there tiful one and I want you to help us would invite you to it, but you could with it as much as possible. I won't not be there and so there would no ask for much as there are many others looking for something. I want like for you to be there. I want you a lavaller, fruits and candies. Now, remember our school. I still desire your prayers as ever.

ANNA ELIZABETH RICHMOD. Wilson Training School, Junior High



REV. G. B. TAYLOR.

preached a wonderful sermon dur-

Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1917.

ing Anniversary Week

pot of beans.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy just come to this

world ten weeks ago and for 1 the whole world at war. I want you to please, Santa, bring me a soldier's suit, a gon and everything to equip to go to France, also bring me a little pony to ride over there and plenty of candies and nuts to last me until I get to Berlin. Santa, I live at 2001 West End Ave. My name is Allen J Ferguson, Jr.

firecrackers, peanut butter, a suit

of close, a dress for the baby and one for mamma. I must close, From your

318 Lake street.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Dec. 15, 1917

I am It years old. I have been go ing to school all the fall and my teacher says that I've been real smart

Her name is Mrs. Sallie Hawkins.

want von to please bring me a very

large doll, a ted ly bear, a trunk, a

dress for myself, a hat and doll suit case and a little doll bed room set. Flease remember my two sisters and

grandino her and grandpa in Shelby

I am as eevr your little girl

Shelbyville, Tenn.

DELPHIA A. TILLMAN, JR.,

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 17, 1917.

my brother in Nashville and

WILLIAM D. WOODS.

grateful friend,

Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl going to school Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing to you for to let you and learning the rules. I am trying to be good and mind papa and mamknow how I am getting along How are you, fat Santa Claus? I am in ma. Please bring me a doll, a toy am 11 years of age. I want you to bring me a wagon, goat and harness. my stocking will be hanging also at Grandpa and Grandma Whittaker's 1 want a strong one. That is about all. But, listen, don't leave off that Don't forget Madge Grizzar 1 and Be-Beatrice Berry. Your little cirl. ELLIE HUGHES REESE.

Eox 5, Mulberry, Tenn.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 3 years old. I elp mamma sweep and pick up chips. pair of gloves, candy, apples, oranges, mts, raisins and figs. Please bring naming and papa something lon't forket Grandpa and Grandma Your little girl. ANNIE JEWELL REESE.

Mulberry, Tenn., Box 5.

815 South Street, Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 16, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 2 years old and very, very smart. Mother dear says am naughty sometimes, but that a doll, doll buggy and bed. I won't ask for much as I have a little sister and a little auntie and a whole lot of little cousins. I don't want you o forget. Don't forget some fruit and something nice for mother dear and daddy Pop at Franklin and Aunt Sallie at 1401 Heiman street.

ANNIE JAMES OTEY.

126 E. M Street, Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1917. Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write you a letter and tell you what I want Christ-

mas. I am in the 4th grade. I want a dress, sweater, doll, oranges, apples, candy, bananas, raisins and also some nuts. I am 10 years of age. That is all. Bye bye. From EMMA ERNESTINE JOHNSON.

ood things to cat and please don't Byc-bye. orget my cousin, Hattie Starnes. From y iring her something nice, also Gerrule and Jessie Mai Gentry, also little Johnnie Robt. Smithson. Bring ilm something good to eat and don't orget mother and father and please on't forget Aunt Johnnie Ewing. Now this is all. Your little girl, OLA LOUISE BEAL.

Antioch, Tenn., Dec. 17, 1917. lear Santa Claus:

ill close. From LEORA CUMMING. I live on the Squirrel Hill Road, a nile from Antioch.

Franklin, Tenn., Dec. 16, 1917. R. R. 4, Box 15.

Dear Santa Claus: lear Santa Claus:

1 am your little girl only 10 years

Dear Santa Claus:

1 thought I would write you a let-

am a little girl just two years lots and lots of candy, oranges, and old. Now don't forget to come to see apples for I do love to eat. Bring me. Everybody who knows me says my sister some nice things and don't am sweet. I want you to bring me forget muyver, daddy and grandsie. From your little boy. D. H. BOXLEY, JR.

1805 Heffernan Street. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 17, 1917. Dear Santa Claus:

I am a sweet little girl one year and seven months old. I have been very good and sweet. Muvver says very good and sweet. so and I hope you will bring me a pretty doll baby, piano, set of dishes, and a little tub and wash board, also I thought I would write you a letter. bring me some pretty little dresses, send us three dolls, three doll beds aprons, stockings, gloves and a pair nd a set of dishes, a doll bug y and of shoes and lots of goodies. Don't set of knives and forks, raisins, forget little brother. He is so cute, iuts, apples, oranges, candy. So I and remember muvver, daddy and grandsie. Now Santa come down the chimney in muvvers room and put my things near my little brass With love, I am

Your little girl, EUDORA LUCILE BOXLEY.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1917.

help my mamma. She says I am very ter to tell you what I want this



LEV. W. S. ELLINGTON. Pastor First Baptist Chauch, East Nashville, who preached the anni-, versary sermon of Dr. C. H. Clark.

smart. I want you to bring me a doll, a music hox, a hed room set, stove and doll chair, a set of the dishes. lots of candles, fruit and nuts. Demember my grandma and punt. at fittle Harriet Buigh and Annis Bennett. Your little girl, FANNIE RUSSELL.

Dear Santa Ciausi-Please this is from a little boy name Albert White, I live at 17 Trimble street. I want you to bring 1612 Scovel St. cooking stove, a doll bed, candy, apples and oranges, nuts and raisins, I car, a train. I am a little boy five am 5 years old. Dear old Santa, years old next April. Please bring me a billy goot and wagon, two me a pair of leggins

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1917. Dear Santa Claus:—

I am a little orphen girl, please bring me a dross, some ribbon, a writing dosk, some stackings and a pair of rulders and please don't forget my little eight venr ofr sister, lease bring me a doll, doll plano, a to Sunday school and clearch. My Pannie. I go to school every day and name-

HELEN HOCKETT. Whi taker, I'll close with best wishes. Mrs. Holmes as they are so nice to

> 1805 He"ernan Street. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 17, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:—
I man a little box just six months old, and as this is my first Christmas.

I hope you won't forget me. Please bring me a pretty little cost, some shoes, dresses, gloves and stockings, loesn't last long. So please bring me a rocking horse and chair and bring Dear Santa Claus:



REV. H. M. BURNS, Pastor Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Christmas. Now Santa I want you to bring me some candy and apples Santy I want you to bring me some thing to play with. I want you to bring me a story book, now Santy I want you to bring me a dress, a pair of stockings, a pair of shoes, so don't forget mother and don't forget my little friends Lillian Cotten and Myrtle Jackson.

Yours truly ALMIRA BALLENTINE.



MR. G. F. DAKER, Supt. Mt. Olive Baptist Sunday School.

Lebauon, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1917.

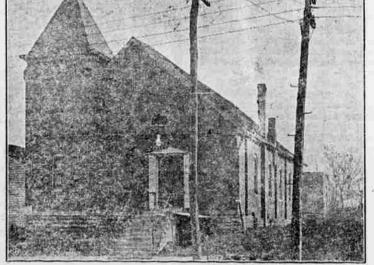
As it is nearly Xmas and we all look for you Xmas. Santa Claus please bring us something for our school building, bring us some monon our piano, we need one very badly. Santa Claus I know you will bring them. I am in the Wilson County Training School and Junior High Department.

Yours sincerely MADOLEN CROWDER.

Stevenson, Ala., Dec. 13, 1917. Dear Santa Clause:-

Please bring me the following articles: candy, nuts, raisins, oranges, apples, a pair of shoes, a pair of scissors, a ball of crocheting thread, a doll set, a packet of needles and a large sleeping doll, and don't forget mother and father and little sister, a little girl.

ROXIE B. HURT. R. No. 1, Box 92.



REV. A. W. PORTER,

Pastor 15th Avenue Baptist Church

I have a mouth full of teeth so you sey Dodson in Indianapolis, Ind.

see I can eat. The biggest thing I Bring them what you think would

want is fruits and candies. You can suit them, don't forget Wesley Cook-

won't ask for much as I want you to would be nice for a boy like him.

remember the soldier boys in the Remember my other cousins and sis-

From your boy, WM. LESLEY CARTER.

I am a big boy this Christmas. Papa went away so I had to help

mother. He will be home on the 22nd

to spend Christmas. I am 7 years

old and a good, smart boy, so please

bring me a pinchback suit, overcoat,

sleigh, drum, horn, candy, nuts and oranges. Please remember my

teacher, Miss Matilda Green, and

remember Elnora, who lives with us.

Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 14, 1917.

DANIEL WALTER BATTLE,

14 S. Hill street, Nashville, Tenn.

Your little boy,

in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Carney Car- will go to bed early.

ter. All of the orphan children too.

I will go to bed early. Bring my

Cousin Oscar Madenia something.

will close dear Santa Claus. Good-

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 17, 1917.

I am a little boy two years old

I am not large enough to play with

many things, but I want a rocking horse, a little wagon, a toy book,

some blocks and a lot of candies, or-

JOHN HILIARY MADDIX, JR.

Mother wants something nice.

Your little baby girl, EDDIE LOUISE CARTER.

Dear Santa Claus:-

anges and nuts,

New Hope Baptist Church.

Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.

Dear Santa Claus:-I am a girl twelve years of age, I go to school, I study second grade. will tell you what I want you to bring me, a doll, an organ, buggy, a stove and a dress and some fruits and candies and remember my mother and father, my dear cousins in Dear Santa Claus:

I am 10 years old and I am in the December 15, 1917. 4th grade. I want you to bring me some candy, oranges and a doll and shoes for Christmas. This is all I have to say this time. Good bye.

Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 17, 1917. Burns, William and Wesley Carter, I am a little girl 8 years old. My Tom and Felix Jones at Dickson. I mother is a widow and I won't ask a pair of shoes. Remember my sick smart. Please bring me a military

want you to bring them something you for much this time. I am in the nice and I also want a coat, a hat, 4th A grade. Mother says I am very sister Ethel, bring her some fruits and carties. I want you to remember M. Octer Davis to bring him mother a ring. Don't forget my

RUBY HALE HARRIS.

Your sincere friend. MAYME C. CARTER,

As it is nearly Christmas again I



REV. J. A. BROWN, Pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and Mrs. Brown..

Lebanon, Tenn., Dec. 13, 1917, Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write you a few lines in order to tell you some of the things I want you to bring me: a wheel. I am in the 4th grade now and I want a pair of skates, some

apples, some raisins, nuts and a pair of shoes. I am roing to put you a present on the Christmas tree, You can get it that night. I am going to try to put you on something that I Franklin, Tenn., think you need. I am a bad boy now Dear Santa Claus: